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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Sir:

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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2003, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. patent publications listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are not provided.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in a European Search Report dated 10 May 2004. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed. Applicants note that reference JP 2002 250233 identified in the European Search Report was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 16 March 2004.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract and partial translation are provided for FR 2 578 943.

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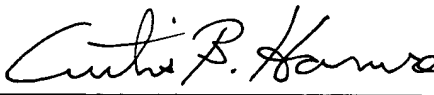
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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4 083 184	11 April 1978	USHIJIMA et al.			
	4 387 565	14 June 1983	OTANI et al.			
	3 968 925	13 July 1976	JOHNSTON et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	FR 2 578 943	19 Sept. 1986	France			X	

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